

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2192 - HB 2587

February 23, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that any assault which causes bodily injury and is committed against a law enforcement officer who the defendant knows is engaged in official duties shall be an aggravated assault and shall be punished as a Class D felony. Under present law, such conduct would be defined as a simple assault which is a Class A misdemeanor. The bill also deletes law enforcement officers from the class of aggravated assault victims for whom a defendant may receive an enhanced sentence.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,920,000/Incarceration*
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Estimate assumes, based upon reported assaults on law enforcement officers for the year 2000, 200 persons per year will be convicted of a Class D felony for this offense. Local governments will experience a decrease of expenditures and revenues associated with the convictions of Class A misdemeanor for this offense.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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